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**From:** Godfrey, Annie [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=A617415832DF4B5084317466EB2EA8B7-GODFREY, ANNIE]  
**Sent:** 12/6/2017 9:16:43 PM  
**To:** Cooper, Jamal [cooper.jamal@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Change in Georgia Water Quality Standards

Joanne noticed that GA is saying this is not a change to WQS. I need to leave for the day; let's talk tomorrow.

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**From:** Cooper, Jamal  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 06, 2017 4:16 PM  
**To:** Godfrey, Annie <Godfrey.Annie@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Change in Georgia Water Quality Standards

Mr. Brown,

EPD and the state of Georgia has the primary authority for adopting, reviewing, and revising water quality standards including the narrative standard. The EPA will then approve or disapprove standards when submitted to the EPA, after adopted into their regulations.

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**From:** Benante, Joanne  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 6, 2017 3:56 PM  
**To:** Godfrey, Annie <Godfrey.Annie@epa.gov>; Cooper, Jamal <cooper.jamal@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Change in Georgia Water Quality Standards

Annie/Jamal  
Can you please respond to Mr. Brown.  
Thanks

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**From:** Hutton Brown [mailto:hbrown@greenlaw.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 6, 2017 3:40 PM  
**To:** Benante, Joanne <benante.joanne@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Megan Hinkle <mhinkle@selcga.org>  
**Subject:** Change in Georgia Water Quality Standards

Joanne, we have met and talked before about the Rayonier matter. I represent the Altamaha Riverkeeper in that.

Today EPD announced they are re-writing the state narrative standard. (See link below.) We believe that the motivation and the effect is to weaken it at the behest of Rayonier.

Can you tell me if EPA is involved in this? Doesn't EPA have to approve water quality standard revisions?

Please let me know or direct me to someone there who can assist.

Thanks,

Hutton

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